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## BOOK NOTICES.

It is with pleasure that we greet the appearance of the "*Law Book News*, a Monthly Review of current Law Literature and Journal of Legal Bibliography," published by West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn. It is unpretentious in appearance truly, but in its scope it is far from being over modest. Its title fairly indicates the field which it proposes to fill. It will undoubtedly prove of great assistance to buyers of law books, enabling them to judge of the nature and merits of new publications without consulting many reviews. The publishers promise to meet a long-felt want of the profession by this new enterprise of theirs.

By the courtesy of the secretary of the University of the State of New York, Melvil Dewey, Albany, we are in receipt of the "*State Library Bulletin, Legislation No. 4.*" This little pamphlet gives in very convenient form a summary and index of legislation in the several States in 1893. The object of the publication is to point out to legislators and others the sources whence they may obtain material for a comparative study of present political problems and legislative attempts at their solution. The plan and execution of the work are admirable.

*A Treatise on the Law of Mortgages of Personal Property.* Fourth edition, revised and enlarged. One volume, 8vo., 900 pages. Price, \$6.00 net. By Leonard A. Jones. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

The former editions of this work have been so well received by the profession and occupy so high a position in modern legal literature that this new and revised edition scarcely needs an introduction, and favorable criticism can say little which is not already familiar. The clearness and comprehensiveness of the author's treatment leave little to be desired. The style is easy and flowing without being diffuse. The fundamental principles are made prominent while a wealth of detail is added. The natural and artificial difficulties of the subject are not hidden underneath deceptive general statements, but are sought out and elucidated, or, if that be impossible, are clearly indicated, that the practitioner